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Thanks

- .. Our PMP mums for the great work that you do.
- .. Parents for your patience while we deal with car parking issues.
- .. Mark and Yvette Biddle for the carpet for the old schoolroom.
- .. Those parents who have volunteered to help with our term headlice inspection.
- .. To those parents who got along to see Mr Schuster for interviews this week.
- .. To Whangarei Agricultural and Pastoral Society for a donation of \$400 to help defray the costs of calf club expenses. This generous donation is much appreciated.

People of the week

- .. Shannon who has done a wonderful job this past week looking after her mum.
- .. Tait(2nd) and Mitchell (4th) for success at the 2010 NZ Intermediate Motorcross Championship in Auckland - and also Hayden who helped our school to 8th overall place.
- .. Those children who have diligently applied themselves in the period leading up to the International Schools English Competition.

New Virtue - CONFIDENCE

Last week we announced that our virtue for the first half of this term is CONFIDENCE. If you haven't already done so please ..

- .. read over the support material and discuss it with you child(ren)
 - .. explain how confidence helped you to meet some challenge
 - .. help your child(ren) find some opportunities to practise this virtue
- Please also remember to ..
- .. re-visit this material from time to time
 - .. advise us of any successes so we can celebrate these through the newsletter.

Newsletters

Recently a number of families have missed (or nearly missed) key dates which had been advertised in multiple newsletters. We would like to encourage you all into the habit of asking routinely for your newsletter each Friday, or going online to read the newsletter on our website. This way you will know of events well in advance - and help reduce our workload as we process late enquiries. Having said this, never be afraid to phone and ask questions or seek clarification. It is our job to provide you with good information and we never mind answering questions.

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think yellow,
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Coming up

10 August	Meeting of Board of Trustees
11 August	Whangarei Boy's High school discussion - for parents and boys (1:45 PM Room 12)
12 August	Year 7 and 8 indoor bowls tournament
13 August	Senior Mathex
17 August	International Schools Mathematics Exam
18 August	Taniwha Challenge (Te Horo School)
23 August	Regional Science Fair (Forum North)
25 August	Year 7 and 8 Badminton Tournament
3 September	Interschool Cross Country Event
7 September	Senior Abseiling Day - A.H. Reed Park
7-9 September	Innovation class camp
14 September	Junior trip to Matapouri Beach
17 September	Rippa Rugby - Tournament 2
22 September	Northland Cross Country Championships
24 September	Final day of term 3

School Cross Country

You are cordially invited to share this event with us on Friday 6 August. For those new to the school this event is held on the farm opposite the school and the day breaks down roughly as follows ..

(Note : approximate times only - Presentation at 2:30 PM)

12/13 year old girls	12/13 year old boys	10/11 year old girls	10/11 year old boys
- 12:40	- 12:50	- 1:05	- 1:15
8/9 year old girls	8/9 year old boys	7 year old girls	7 year old boys
- 1:30	- 1:40	- 1:50	- 2:00
6 year old girls	6 year old boys	5 year old girls	5 year old boys
- 2:10	- 2:15	- 2:20	- 2:25

You can assist by ensuring that children have a change of clothes for this event as well as a drink bottle and something warm to wear before and after races. You might also want to schedule a practice run over the weekend.

*Sponsors of this year's Cross Country are
Whangarei Physiotherapy and Alastair Rickey Decorating.*

What's on in rooms

Please find attached overviews showing main topics being covered in rooms this term. Please let your child's teacher know if you have skills you are keen to share or if you would simply like to be involved in some way. You are welcome in rooms and teachers can always do with a hand.

Homework

Please ensure your child has set homework routines and that homework is returned to school on the required day. Non-return of homework books can make it almost impossible for teachers to monitor homework patterns, and sometimes means children have not completed the preliminary tasks required for in-class work. Remember also that time spent learning spelling and basis facts frees class time for new learning.

Science Fair Representatives

Those children who will be representing our school at the forthcoming Regional Fair received suggestions today on how they might further improve their exhibits. It is now up to these children whether or not they implement these improvements in the period leading p to the regional fair (23-27 August). Mrs Donaldson is more than happy to answer any questions or give any advice.

High School Preferences

This week year 8 students received a form asking for parents to indicate the secondary school their child is likely to attend next year. This helps us to ensure that you get all of the information you need in the run up to enrolment and enables us to arrange interview times. Please ensure this form is returned to school on Monday.

Visit by Kamo High School Team

This week parents of year 8 children received an invitation to attend an information evening here at Matarau School 7:30 PM Wednesday 4 August. This is an opportunity, in a small group setting, to ask questions of the Year 9 Dean and the school ambassadors. We encourage you to attend if possible - even if KHS is not your school of first choice. If you will be in attendance please give Helen a call on Monday morning or leave a message on the answer phone over the weekend.

K.H.S.

Open evening will be held 11 August 5:00 to 6:15 with an information presentation in the hall at 6:30 PM.

Whangarei Girls' High School Interviews

Enrolment interviews for intending WGHS year 9 students will be held at Matarau School on the morning of Monday 9 August. *Please ensure that you have returned your high school preference form by early next week so that a slot is allocated for your daughter.*

If you have not received confirmation of your interview time by the end of next week please contact Mr Delemare. Interviews are of 20 minutes duration. Please bring your child's last report, their birth certificate and any questions.

Whangarei Boys' High School Discussion

Senior staff from Whangarei Boys High School will be visiting Matarau on Wednesday 11 August at 1.45 to speak about their school and answer any questions. All Year 8 Boys are strongly encouraged to attend, along with parents if you can make it. Parents of Year 7 Boys who would be interested in attending are also welcome.

International Schools English Exam

.. this test is scheduled for the morning of 3 August. We suggest children have a break now in the final run up to the test (remember research shows about 30% of performance relates to how you feel on the day, and how you manage the test situation - as opposed to prior knowledge). Children will receive reminders on test technique and time management on the morning before the test. Good luck to all participants.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 went home this week. All orders and money back to the office by August 13th please.

School Council Disco

A school disco will be held Friday 13 August. The disco is open to all students and starts at 6:00 PM and finishes at 9:00 PM. Theme is "Best Dress". Children are asked to bring a plate and a gold coin donation to help cover the cost of the DJ. Year 1 to 4 children are to be picked up at 7:30 PM and the remaining children at 9:00 PM (on the dot please). If you are unable to pick your year 1 to 4 child up until 9:00 they will watch a supervised DVD. If you are able to help with supervision please give Mr Schuster a call.

International Schools Maths Exam

A reminder other test date is 17 August.

Practice papers are available from the office right up until test day. Although we have met children several times to discuss elements of test technique (including techniques for reading questions, checking back, and managing time), please feel free to contact Kevin if you notice some enduring problems here - happy to meet with your child to work with them individually on this.

School Headlice Inspection

.. will take place Friday 20 August. Please check your children's hair in advance of this date. Mrs Cates would love a couple more parent volunteers - just give her a call if you can help.

Years 3 and 4 Parents Wanted

In term 4 Year 3 & 4 children will be on camp at Marsden Bay Youth Camp at One Tree Point. We would like to give you as much warning as possible to organise your work and family commitments to be able to attend camp and share a marvellous experience with your child/children. Year 4 camp 30th November to 3rd December, overnighing on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Year 3 camp 2nd and 3rd December, overnighing on the Thursday night. Permission slips will be sent out early in Term 4.

Senior School Request

Wanted: Free or cheap chicken coop for new chickens. Suitable size for about 4 or 5 chickens. If we can't find a chicken coop we would appreciate if we could have some materials such as chicken wire, wood, nails and fencing staples. If you could help us by donating any of these materials please see Mrs Williams in Room 10 or the chicken group.

School Production Request

This year the school production is called Marz, it is set in space and has a recycling/rubbish theme. This script has been based on a script of the same name by Pamela Uttinger and has been significantly changed by Matarau teachers.

Marz will take place later this term and rehearsals have already begun. As a result we require parental assistance to create fantastic costumes for our performers. If you have a sewing machine and/or any time to assist with making our costumes please email me, Simon Schuster, on sms.schuster@gmail.com

In addition to this we are also looking for a variety of equipment to be used as props. If you are able to give/lend any of the following, please email me also:

- Metal rubbish bin lids
- Garden brooms
- Fabric and/or Calico or similar
- Tarpaulins
- VIP red carpet or any red carpet
- Old News crew quality microphones
- Old broken cameras
- Bubble wrap

I can arrange pick up if you are unable to deliver it yourself. All offers will be gratefully accepted.

Children remaining at school after bell

Please note that children remaining at school after 3:25 should be placed in After School Care unless they are travelling into town on the final (fifth) bus. The ASC programme has a special rate for users from 3:00 to 4:00 and so this is an ideal opportunity to have homework completed before they get home. Please book in to this programme by phoning 0278461724 if you know your children are at school after 3:25 - this way they will be properly supervised and gainfully employed.

Thanks to those parents who have arranged to pick their children up at the earlier time!

Calf Club Day - 22nd October 2009

You need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves must be born after 1st July 2008. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. For those who bring pets, a booklet will be handed out prior to the September school holidays & needs to be completed by 15 October. No dogs are allowed to be entered. If you have any queries about calves please call Steve Martin on 433 5061, or about lambs to Alison Faithfull on 433 5557. There will be further updates closer to the end of term.

Home Gardens

You might also like to discuss with your child(ren) the possibility of participating in our 2010 Home Garden Programme. Children involved in this programme tend their own garden at home, keep a garden diary, and

meet periodically at school to share tips, ask and answer questions, swap plants etc. Gardens are judged some time in late November. We will call for expressions of interest in a couple of weeks.

Out of zone enrolments

For more information on the balloting process, and for a zone description, please visit our website ww.mataru.school.nz

If you know any families interested in an out of zone enrolment please ask them to contact our school office for an application form.

Security

If able to go on the security call out list please phone Steve Martin on 4335061 or 0212460988. Call outs are few and far between these days and so seldom called on.

Community Notices

For Rent - 1 Bedroom Chalet, Rushbrook Rd, \$150pw. For more details phone Lillian or Hans 4365326.

For Sale - 3x paint ball guns - with helmets and paintballs. As new. \$750.00. Please phone Jackie 0212852350 or text.

For Sale - 15kg bags of dry sheep manure for hockey fundraiser \$10/bag. Ph Sharyn 4352992.

Table Tennis - Now available at the new Northland Sports House. For more info contact Brent Davies, Table Tennis Northland.

Wanted - Orphan Lamb for loving home. Phone Jayne or Jess on 4335626 or 02111590219.

Zumba Classes - Matarau School Hall, Beginning Tuesday 27th July at 7.00pm. \$10/session or \$80/10 concession ticket.

Lupton House - Boarding hostel options available for students attending Whangarei Girls' High School. For more info please phone 437 7359 or email lupton@wgghs.school.nz.

Construction and the upper carpark

A reminder please ..

.. to use the lower bus bay for drop off and pickup where possible

And when using the upper carpark ..

.. to pull to the side and move off quickly (but safely) after drop off

.. to pick up at 5 or 10 minutes past 3 if you do not have any junior children

Fund-raising and the Board

You will recall that the PTA and Board functions were merged prior to the last board election. Fund-raising is no less important now than in the days when the PTA valiantly raised money to meet our funding shortfall. There are many services provided (and this includes special needs programmes, low class numbers, learning resources etc.) which would simply not happen (or be dramatically cut) if locally raised funds reduced. When we have surveyed parents in the past we have received the clear message that parents don't mind helping with fund-raising events as long as 1) they don't get called on all the time, and 2) the load is shared across as many parents as possible. Sharon Smith has been allocated the board fund-raising / communications portfolio for the next year. If Sharon (or Brenda) give you a call please do your best to be available for the one or two events you volunteered for when you enrolled your child. Never feel your contributions are taken for granted or that they don't make a difference. We will do our very best to ensure that funds raised are spent where they make the biggest difference. So .. please help where you can!

Final thought

Did anyone watch TV3 news on Wednesday night? You may be aware that the drug company that manufactured thalidomide is now compensating victims (some 50 odd years after the fact). A NZ victim of this terrible experiment, who has no arms and deformed legs, was asked what he would do with his \$78,000. In response he said he "would get his eyes lazered as he has no arms to take his glasses on and off and that he would buy his mother a holiday". What an amazing role model. Makes you think doesn't it.

Regards
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